

AMENDMENTS TO LB 631

Introduced by Business and Labor.

1           1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following  
2 sections:

3           Sec. 2. Section 48-622.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5           48-622.01 (1) There is hereby created in the state  
6 treasury a special fund to be known as the State Unemployment  
7 Insurance Trust Fund. All state unemployment insurance tax  
8 collected under sections 48-648 to 48-661, less refunds, shall be  
9 paid into the fund. Such money shall be held in trust for the sole  
10 and exclusive use of payment of unemployment insurance benefits.  
11 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
12 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act, except  
14 that interest earned on money in the fund shall be credited to  
15 the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund at the end of each  
16 calendar quarter.

17           (2) The commissioner shall have authority to determine  
18 when and in what amounts withdrawals from the State Unemployment  
19 Insurance Trust Fund for payment of benefits are necessary. Amounts  
20 withdrawn for payment of benefits shall be immediately forwarded  
21 to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America  
22 to the credit of the state's account in the Unemployment Trust  
23 Fund, provisions of law in this state relating to the deposit,

1 administration, release, or disbursement of money in the possession  
2 or custody of this state to the contrary notwithstanding.

3 (3) If and when the state unemployment insurance tax  
4 ceases to exist as determined by the Governor, ~~in consultation~~  
5 ~~with the state advisory council,~~ all money then in the State  
6 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund less accrued interest shall be  
7 immediately transferred to the credit of the state's account in  
8 the Unemployment Trust Fund, provisions of law in this state  
9 relating to the deposit, administration, release, or disbursement  
10 of money in the possession or custody of this state to the  
11 contrary notwithstanding. The determination to eliminate the state  
12 unemployment insurance tax shall be based on the solvency of  
13 the state's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund and the need  
14 for training of Nebraska workers. Accrued interest in the State  
15 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund shall be credited to the Nebraska  
16 Training and Support Trust Fund.

17 Sec. 4. Section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is amended to read:

19 48-622.03 (1) There is hereby created as of January  
20 1, 1996, the Nebraska Worker Training Board consisting of seven  
21 members appointed and serving for terms determined by the Governor  
22 as follows:

23 (a) ~~A member of the state advisory council created in~~  
24 ~~section 48-610 who is a representative of employers in Nebraska;~~

25 (b) ~~A member of the council who is a representative of~~  
26 ~~employees in Nebraska;~~

27 (c) ~~A member of the council who is a representative of~~

1 the public;

2 (d) The Commissioner of Labor or a designee;

3 (e) The Director of Economic Development or a designee;

4 (f) The Commissioner of Education or a designee; and

5 (g) The chairperson of the governing board of the  
6 Nebraska Community College Association or a designee.

7 (2) Beginning July 1, 1996, and annually thereafter,  
8 the Governor shall appoint a chairperson for the board. The  
9 chairperson shall be either the representative of the employers,  
10 the representative of the employees, or the representative of the  
11 public.

12 (3) Beginning July 1, 1996, and annually thereafter  
13 the board shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming  
14 fiscal year containing guidelines for the program financed by the  
15 Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. The guidelines shall  
16 include, but not be limited to, guidelines for certifying training  
17 providers, criteria for evaluating requests for the use of money  
18 under section 48-622.02, and guidelines for requiring employers  
19 to provide matching funds. The guidelines shall give priority  
20 to training that contributes to the expansion of the Nebraska  
21 workforce and increasing the pool of highly skilled workers in  
22 Nebraska.

23 (4) Beginning September 1, 1997, and annually thereafter,  
24 the board shall provide a report to the Governor covering the  
25 activities of the program financed by the Nebraska Training and  
26 Support Trust Fund for the previous fiscal year. The report shall  
27 contain an assessment of the effectiveness of the program and its

1 administration.

2           2. On page 15, strike beginning with "Contributions" in  
3 line 9 through the second "to" in line 10, show as stricken, and  
4 insert "Wages for employment have been paid by the employer in";  
5 strike beginning with "been" in line 20 through "contributions"  
6 in line 21, show as stricken, and insert "paid wages for  
7 employment"; and in line 23 strike beginning with "been" through  
8 "contributions", show as stricken, and insert "paid wages for  
9 employment".

10           3. On page 38, line 6, after "sections" insert  
11 "48-622.01,".

12           4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.